

**Eligibility and Registration Form  
Rural Transportation for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) Project**



- ◆ Reduced fare transportation service may be available to you if you are:
  1. A person with a disability and
  2. Under 65 years old and
  3. Live in a county participating in the project or need transportation to or from an area that is not currently served by public fixed route bus transportation and ADA complementary paratransit services.

◆ If you would like to participate in this project, please complete this form and send it with a copy of one of the documents listed in Part 2 below to:

***Endless Mountains Transportation Authority***  
**27824 ROUTE 220**  
**Athens PA 18810**

- ◆ Once your application is received and reviewed you will be notified of your eligibility to participate.
- ◆ If you have questions about this project, this form or need this form in an alternate format please call:

Customer Service Department  
**570-888-7330 or 1-800-242-3484**

Note: The information provided in this application regarding your disability will be used to determine your eligibility for reduced fare transportation services under the PwD project. Other information within the form will be used for data collection purposes, to determine your eligibility for any additional transportation programs, and to provide you with the appropriate type of service. This information will be kept confidential and used only by professionals involved in evaluating your eligibility and in analyzing the pilot project for future recommendations. Please print clearly.

**PART 1: GENERAL**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street & No.): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a disability according to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) definition below?  
 Yes     No

**Definition of Disability**

Eligibility for this program is based on disability as defined by the Americans with Disability Act (ADA). According to the ADA, "Disability means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual; a record of such an impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment". "...major life activities means functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and work."

## **PART 2: WRITTEN VERIFICATION THAT YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY**

Written verification by a knowledgeable organization or qualified individual that you are a person with a disability is required to participate in the PwD project.

### **1. If you have written verification of a disability:**

You may already have written verification that you are a person with a disability from a service organization by having an identification card, a written assessment of your disability, etc. If so, send a copy of this information to the transportation provider listed at the top of this form. If not, you will need to ask an organization or individual listed below to verify, in writing, that you are a person with a disability according to the ADA definition and then send it to the transportation provider listed at the top of page 1.

Please check the organization or individual whose written verification you are submitting with your application form.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Physical/Occupational Therapist                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Insurance (SSI) and Disability Insurance (SSDI) | <input type="checkbox"/> Physician   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Nurse  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Center for Independent Living (CIL)                             | <input type="checkbox"/> PA Attendant Care Program   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Services Program for Persons with Physical Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United Cerebral Palsy   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |

### **2. If you do not have written verification of a disability:**

Please fill out a certification of disability form available from EMTA's Offices or at [www.EMTATransit.com](http://www.EMTATransit.com). It provides verification of a disability according to the definition in the Americans with Disabilities Act. This form can be used to acquire the necessary information for verifying a disability from a qualified health professional. See Exhibit F in this package.

## **PART 3: INCOME AND HOUSEHOLD RELATED DATA**

Passenger income related data is being collected for further decision-making regarding the project. THIS INFORMATION WILL NOT BE USED TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR DISCOUNTED FARES UNDER THE PwD PROGRAM. Please check the appropriate space in each column:

<b>Annual Income</b>	<b>Household Size</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$10,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001-\$15,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15,001-\$20,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20,001-\$25,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25,001-\$30,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000-\$35,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
<input type="checkbox"/> \$35,001-\$40,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40,001-\$45,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 +
<input type="checkbox"/> \$45,001-\$50,000	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-\$55,000	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$55,001-\$60,000	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$60,001+	

**PART 4: AVOIDING DUPLICATION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Transportation services provided under the PwD project are not to be provided in place of any current transportation services that you already receive.

1. Do you now receive any transportation services or are any of your transportation costs paid for by another program or organization? Please complete all that apply from the following list.

- Senior Citizens Shared-Ride Transportation Program
- Area Agency on the Aging
- Medical Assistance Transportation Program
- Americans with Disabilities Act Complementary Paratransit
- Mental Health/Mental Retardation (MH/MR)
- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)
- The training program I am in at \_\_\_\_\_
- The employment program I am in at \_\_\_\_\_
- The group home where I live.
- Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you are not registered for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP), you may qualify. MATP could pay all of the cost for your eligible medical trips. If appropriate, you will be referred to the County Assistance Office (CAO).

- I have been informed of *pending referral* to the County Assistance Office (CAO)
- I was referred to the CAO for MATP eligibility determination on (date): \_\_\_\_\_
- Initials of staff person faxing the referral to the CAO \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 5: INFORMATION SO WE MAY SERVE YOU BETTER**

1. Is your disability permanent?  Yes  No  
(A standard definition of a permanent disability is one that lasts for 12 months or longer.)
2. If not, how long is it expected to last? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the nature of your disability? Check those that apply.
  - Mobility disability (please see question 4 below)
  - Vision disability
  - Hearing disability
  - Cognitive disability
  - Mental disability
  - Other — Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Please check all mobility aids that apply.
  - Manual wheelchair  Crutches
  - Power Wheelchair  Cane
  - Motorized Scooter  Walker

5. Do you require the services of a personal care attendant or escort when you travel? (A personal care attendant or escort is a person that you need to assist you during the trip or at your origin or destination)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

\_\_\_\_\_ Sometimes

Please describe when you need assistance: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Emergency Contact (Optional)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Work): \_\_\_\_\_

7. Is there anything else you want us to know so we can serve you better? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If "Yes," please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**PART 6: RELEASE OF INFORMATION and YOUR CERTIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION FORM**

Release of Information

I give my permission to Endless Mountains Transportation Authority to contact a health care or other professional(s) that I designate for additional information to verify that I am a person with a disability.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Signature or That of the Person Who Completed This Form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I understand that the purpose of this application is to determine if I am eligible to participate in the PwD project. I certify that the information contained in this application is correct and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your signature or that of the person who completed this form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name of the person who completed this form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number